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Title: Stringed Instrument Strumming/  
Picking Apparatus and Method

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF IMPROPER REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

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Sir:

In regard to the Notice of Improper Request for Continued Examination (RCE) dated November 25, 2003, Applicant's representative telephoned the undersigned Patent Office Representative, Ms. Dawkins. This communication is to confirm the Patent Office conclusion that the subject notice may be disregarded.

Applicant now believes that the Application is in conformity with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.114. No new art is being introduced, not previously disclosed in the parent Application. Should any issues remain unresolved, Applicant encourages a telephone call to the undersigned attorney

Respectfully submitted,

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